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The meeting was called to order at 10.25 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 133: REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION (continued) (A/C.6/47/L.15 and 17)

1. Mr. ABOULMAGD (Egypt), introducing draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.15, said that Germany, Guinea, Hungary, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Moldova and Romania had also become sponsors. The draft was the result of extensive consultations among a large number of delegations representing all geographic regions; the Committee should therefore be able to adopt it without a vote. He drew attention to the paragraphs recently added to the text - the third preambular paragraph, and paragraph 3, which established the mandate of the Special Committee for its session in 1993 - which he read out. He also drew attention to the latter part of paragraph 5, which authorized the Special Committee to invite other States or intergovernmental organizations to participate in the debate in plenary meetings of the Committee on specific items.

2. Mr. MONTES DE OCA (Mexico) said that his delegation wished to join the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

3. Draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.15 was adopted without a vote.

4. Mr. ORDZHONIKIDZE (Russian Federation) said that he wished to request a number of changes in the Russian text of the draft resolution.

5. Mr. CHATURVEDI (India), explaining his delegation's position after the adoption of the draft resolution, said that, while India had joined in the consensus, it had not joined the list of sponsors of the draft.

AGENDA ITEM 128: UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued) (A/C.6/47/L.16)

6. Mr. DASTIS (Spain), introducing draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.16, said that Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mauritania, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, and the United Republic of Tanzania had also become sponsors. The draft was based on the relevant resolutions adopted during the previous two years; the only new element was in paragraph 7, in which the Secretary-General was requested to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report containing a preliminary operational plan for a possible congress on public international law. He hoped that the draft resolution would be adopted without a vote.

7. Mr. ASSENKO (Belarus), Mr. NEGA (Ethiopia) and Mr. MUNKH-ORGIL (Mongolia) said that their respective delegations wished to join the list of sponsors of the draft.

8. Draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.16 was adopted without a vote.

9. Mr. ORDZHONIKIDZE (Russian Federation) said that improvements should be made in the Russian text of the draft resolution.

10. The CHAIRMAN said that, as requested by a number of delegations, he would not announce that the Committee had completed consideration of agenda item 128.

AGENDA ITEM 131: REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW ON THE WORK OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION (continued)
(A/C.6/47/L.4/Rev.1)

11. Ms. KEHRER (Austria), introducing draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.4/Rev.1, said that Colombia, Cyprus, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico and the Russian Federation had also joined the list of sponsors of the draft. In several of its paragraphs, the draft expressed the appreciation of the General Assembly for the valuable contribution rendered by the Commission in the field of international trade law, particularly for the completion and adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Credit Transfers (para. 2) and the UNCITRAL Legal Guide on International Countertrade Transactions (para. 4), as well as for the organization of a Congress on International Trade Law (para. 10).

12. The great importance which the sponsors of the draft attached to the training and assistance provided by the Commission, particularly for developing countries, was reflected in paragraph 9 of the draft. Paragraph 12 reiterated the request to the Fifth Committee to consider granting travel assistance, within existing resources, to the least developed countries that were members of the Commission, while paragraph 13 expressed the general agreement that, as an additional measure, the Commission should pay special attention to the rationalization of the organization of its work. The pragmatism which characterized the Commission's work had guided the consultations on the draft, and she therefore hoped that it would be adopted without a vote.

13. Mr. ASSENKO (Belarus) said that his delegation wished to join the list of sponsors of the draft.

14. Draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.4/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

15. Mr. STRAUSS (Canada), explaining his delegation's position after the adoption of the draft resolution, said that the General Assembly had adopted resolution 46/56 B the previous year in which it recommended that the Commission should hold consecutive meetings of its working groups, a recommendation which the Commission had concluded was impracticable for the reasons set out in paragraphs 187 and 188 of its report on the work of its twenty-fifth session (A/47/17). In the draft resolution just adopted, the debate which had taken place in the Commission should be taken into account and the last phrase of paragraph 13 deleted.

16. Mr. MONTES DE OCA (Mexico) said that his delegation shared the view just expressed by the representative of Canada.

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17. The CHAIRMAN said that a number of countries had requested the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the forty-seventh session (A/47/249), which would probably be allocated to the Sixth Committee. It was therefore possible that the current meeting would not be the Committee's last. He requested delegations which needed to consult their respective Governments on the proposed additional item, "Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice", to do so as soon as possible.

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.